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Automotive Businesses Key to Driving Government's Fuel Efficiency Commitment

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) – the peak body representing businesses across Queensland's automotive industry – welcomes the Federal Government's release of its new vehicle efficiency standard consultation impact analysis.

The consultation paper outlines multiple implementation options for a New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (NVES), with the Government's preferred option featuring an ambitious total CO₂ intensity reduction target of 61 per cent in passenger vehicles and 62 per cent reduction for light commercial vehicles by 2029.

It is widely agreed by the automotive industry that the introduction of such standards is overdue in Australia, with the local market regularly missing out on the latest fuel-efficient technology from global manufacturers. However, it is important to ensure that all Australians can afford to own and operate a car in our vast country with its unique driving conditions.

"Australia has long missed out on new zero and low emission vehicle (ZLEV) technology due to manufacturers favouring other markets, to the detriment of both the automotive industry and consumers, so we are pleased to see that the Government is taking action," said MTA Queensland CEO Rod Camm.

"Overall, we believe that any standards that lead to improved options and access to ZLEVs is a positive, however, the targets must consider the needs and driving habits

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of all vehicle users, especially with regards to utes. We look forward to working with the Government to promote targets that are beneficial to all.

The other consideration that must be addressed is the preparedness of automotive businesses, who will play a critical role in the transition.

“MTA Queensland’s member businesses from the automotive retail, repair, and service industry will be key to supporting the wider adoption of electrified vehicles, from new car dealers importing and selling these vehicles to mechanics and collision repairers being trusted to safely repair and service them to service stations charging them. It is therefore critical that the Government partners with industry to ensure the correct support mechanisms are put in place so businesses are prepared and ready to cater for the growing demand.”

MTA Queensland looks forward to consulting with the government on this issue going forward on behalf of its member businesses.

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Background:

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (**MTA Queensland**) is the peak body representing the interests of employers in the retail, repair, and service sectors of Queensland’s automotive industry. MTA Queensland has been performing its vital representative role for the automotive industry since 1929. In Queensland there are some 16,000 automotive businesses employing more than 90,000 people, that generate more than \$7.24 billion to the state economy annually. The automotive industry is estimated to contribute \$37 billion to the Australian economy each year. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to all levels of government. In 2019 MTA Queensland was announced as an ABA100 winner in The Australian Business Awards and a finalist in the Lord Mayor’s Business Awards, for Business Innovation.

The **MTA Institute (RTO 31529)** is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket sectors of the automotive industry. The MTA Institute is the largest independent automotive training provider in Queensland, employing experienced trainers who are geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba to Emerald. In the last year, the MTA Institute delivered accredited courses to more than 2,000 students. The MTA Institute is the first trade RTO in Australia to be approved under the ITECA Industry Certification Program and was the winner of the Small Training Provider of the Year at the 2019 Queensland Training Awards.

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